Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

> receiving a message;
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> receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient alias associated with at least one communication device;
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> verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;
>
> verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;
>
> transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated with the identifier;
>
> retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device associated with the identifier;
>
> determining the message length of the received message;
>
> comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum message length; and
>
> modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending the message in more than one transmission.

Claim 13-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (previously presented) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

receiving a message;

receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient alias associated with at least one communication device;

verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;

verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;

transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated with the identifier;

retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device associated with the identifier;

determining the message length of the received message;

comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum message length; and

modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending a concatenated message.

Claim 16 (previously presented) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

receiving a message;

receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient alias associated with at least one communication device;

verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;

verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;

transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated with the identifier;

retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device associated with the identifier;

determining the message length of the received message;

comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum

message length; and

modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the

received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending a

concatenated message and adding a header to the message.

Claims 17-32 (Canceled)